

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3764
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Harold F. Garrison et al)	Confirmation No.: 3995
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Serial No.: 10/674,723)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
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Filed: September 29, 2003))
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)	
REDUCING COMPRESSION BONE)	
FRACTURES USING HIGH STRENGTH)	
RIBBED MEMBERS)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, for the above-referenced application, Applicant hereby elects the species of Figure 2 (i.e., Species I) on which at least claims 1 - 16 read.

Claims 17 – 30 are cancelled.

A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.